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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Tatsuya Seshimo, Hitoshi Hayakawa, and Kikonosuke Uwai  
INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND RECORDING HEAD  
CLEANING CONTROL METHOD THEREON  
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q68700

1046 U.S. PTO  
03/18/02

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/324,720 (Confirmation No.1926 ) filed June 3, 1999 of Tatsuya Seshimo, Hitoshi Hayakawa, and Kikonosuke Uwai entitled INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND RECORDING HEAD CLEANING CONTROL METHOD THEREON.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 25 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2861.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10-18657	January 30, 1998
Japan	10-339052	November 30, 1998
Japan	10-154852	June 3, 1998

The priority documents were filed in parent Application Nos. 09/324,720 and 09/239,319.



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After entry of the Preliminary Amendment concurrently filed herewith, the Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>5</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>3</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=		x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$740.00

**TOTAL FILING FEE** **\$740.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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